

# PUBLIC NOTICE



## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION HAS INITIATED PROJECT PLANNING FOR

### MD 97 Montgomery Hills From Forest Glen Road to 16th Street In Montgomery County

The purpose of the Project Planning Study is to assess the need for, and develop and evaluate possible improvements to MD 97. The Project Planning process includes agency and public involvement; the development and review of all reasonable alternatives (including the No-Build Alternative); the evaluation of social, economic, cultural, and natural environmental impacts; and concludes with location and design approvals, if a build alternative is selected.

SHA believes that the project is needed to improve safety and accessibility on MD 97 (Georgia Avenue) from Forest Glen Road to 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Sidewalks will be included where appropriate. Wide curb lanes to accommodate bicycles will be included where appropriate.

The Public Coordination Plan for the project will be available in Fall 2011 from the Project Manager.

As part of the public involvement activities and consistent with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, SHA requests public comments regarding historic properties, including standing structures and archeological resources. SHA will be coordinating with the Maryland Historical Trust. Any organization that desires to be a consulting party should contact the Project Manager.

Citizen involvement throughout the Project Planning process is encouraged. Written comments and requests to be included on the project mailing or email lists may be submitted to Mr. Jeremy Beck, Project Manager, Project Management Division, Maryland State Highway Administration, 707 N. Calvert Street, MS C-301, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, or by calling 410-545-8518 or toll-free at 1-800-548-5026, or by email at [jbeck@sha.state.md.us](mailto:jbeck@sha.state.md.us). The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 711. Persons on the project mailing/email lists will be kept informed of project developments and opportunities for public involvement as the study progresses. For more information on this and other SHA projects, visit [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and click on Projects and Studies, SHA Projects Page and Montgomery County.

